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In re Patent Application of:

Yasutsugu KURODA, et al.

Application No.: 09/327,477

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For: ELECTRONIC DATA STORAGE APPARATUS WITH KEY MANAGEMENT FUNCTION
AND ELECTRONIC DATA STORAGE METHOD

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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)**

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Attention: Ms. Francis Hicks

Madam:

Applicant(s) hereby submit(s) this Petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c) requesting that the above-identified application in which the Issue Fee has been paid be withdrawn from issue. As required under § 1.313(c), this application is to be abandoned to permit consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement under §1.97 in a concurrently-filed Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114.

The Issue Fee for the present application was paid on December 19, 2001; attorney for applicant(s) was informed about the European Communication listed in the Information Disclosure Statement on or about April 4, 2004, but did not become aware of the critical date for filing the reference until about May 27, 2004, when the misplaced file was found. Applicant attempted to have the Examiner consider the Communication along with an Amendment After Allowance. However, the Office did not consider the Communication because it was filed too late.

Enclosed with this Petition is a check in the amount of \$130.00 covering the petition fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h).

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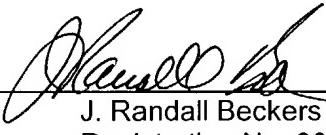
If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Petition, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that this Petition for Withdrawal be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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